



## Vaccine UPDATE

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) has announced recommendation for adults ages 65 years and older to receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose. The recommendation acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 in older adults, along with the currently available data on vaccine effectiveness.

Previous <u>CDC recommendations</u> ensured that people who are immunocompromised are already eligible for additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Data continues to show the importance of vaccination to protect those most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19. An additional dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine may restore protection that has waned since a fall vaccine dose, providing increased protection to adults ages 65 years and older.

Adults 65 years and older are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19,

with more than half of COVID-19 hospitalizations during October 2023 to December 2023 occurring in this age group.

Let's all try to stay healthy in 2024!

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